

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Silke DRABER

Application No.: 09/521,107

Filed: March 7, 2000

For: **METHOD FOR ASSESSING THE
RELIABILITY OF TECHNICAL
SYSTEMS**



Group Art Unit: 2786

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
 - A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [] \$55.00 (248) [] \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
 - Also enclosed is _____.
 - _____ statement(s) claiming small entity status
[] are also enclosed [] were submitted previously.
 - Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$345.00 (279) [] \$690.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
 Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.
 - A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
 - No additional claim fee is required.

[] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS =		× \$18.00 (103) =	-0-
Independent Claims		MINUS =		× \$78.00 (102) =	-0-
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$260.00 (104)					-0-
Total Amendment Fee					-0-
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					-0-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					-0-

[] A claim fee in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

[] Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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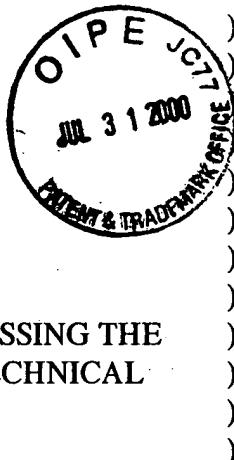
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The following reference to line numbers corresponds to the line numbering in the left-hand margin of the specification.

Kindly amend the specification in the following manner.

Page 1, line 1, delete "DESCRIPTION".

On page 1, line 5, insert --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 1, between lines 5 and 6, insert --1. Field of the Invention--.

Page 1, line 7, delete "It proceeds".

Page 1, delete lines 8 through 10.